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## Ault handily elected to fourth term, Allen wins Ward 3

Mayor Bob Ault will continue to lead Hoopeston for the next four years.

Ault defeated challenger David Borders 1,035 to 506 in Tuesday's election.

"I feel like I did my best," Ault said after the results were announced. "I ran a clean campaign. I didn't take potshots at the end, although I could have.

"I think the people in Hoopeston said 'Hey, we're not going to put up with dirty politics.'"

The breakdown of Tuesday's vote was:

| Precinct | Ault | Borders |
|----------|------|---------|
| Grant 1  | 136  | 82      |
| Grant 2  | 161  | 115     |
| Grant 3  | 114  | 66      |
| Grant 4  | 53   | 27      |
| Grant 5  | 175  | 69      |
| Grant 6  | 112  | 48      |
| Grant 7  | 284  | 69      |

In Ward 3, incumbent Drew Allen defeated Cliff Witty 173-114.

Write-in candidate Jeff Keith unofficially had five votes.

Aldermen Mark Drollinger, Mike Eckersley and Bill Goodwine faced no competition.

In Rossville, a new trustee will be seated with two incumbents.

Incumbent Tom Mills was the top vote-getter in the at-large election, with 173 votes, followed by newcomer William Galloway with 168. Incumbent Mick Braddock rounded out the field with 150.

Other candidates were former trustee Richard Birkey, 140 votes, Bill Yoho with 129, and incumbent Richard Comstock with 121.

Mayor Merv Smith, who ran unopposed, received 196 votes, and clerk Kathy Roark, also unopposed, got 254 votes.

## Handicapped parking spot to return to downtown Main

The 200 block of East Main Street will have a new handicapped parking place to replace one that was taken out.

The new space will be put in the area of Market and Main on the south side of the street, said Alderman Mark Drollinger at Tuesday's Hoopeston city council meeting.

The issue was discussed at the March 18 meeting, but Drollinger, chairman of the city streets/alleys committee, said he wanted to discuss the request with area merchants before making a recommendation. Merchants "had no problem" with the change, he said.

The space replaces one eliminated when new sidewalks and curbs were constructed last year.

In other action, resident Al Walker of the West Washington, said he witnessed an unsupervised youngster riding a go-cart in McFerren Park. The

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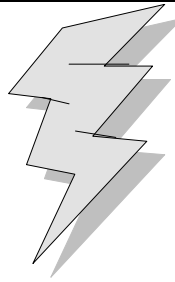
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**Johnathon J. Miles**, 32, of 318 N. Ninth Ave., was arrested at 5:23 p.m. Monday, charged with battery on a complaint from James L. Pastley, 325 N. Eighth Ave.

Police said they responded to a fight in the 500 block of West Main. Pastley told police that Miles got out of his car, asked him a question and struck him in the mouth.

See MAIN on other side

**Main** continued from other side

youngster hit a bump and flipped the vehicle, which then landed on the boy. "It could have been a very dangerous incident," Walker said. "I'm all in favor of them having fun, but don't you think they should have had an adult there," he asked.

Mike Eckersley, parks committee chairman, said city ordinance prohibits riding go-carts in the park and suggested Walker call police if a future incident occurred.

In unrelated business:

**Obituaries**

**RANKIN** - William C. Rankin, 68, of Hoopeston, died at 2:55 a.m. Monday, March 31, 1997, at his home. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Brown-Alkire Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society, 3 Henson Place, Champaign, IL, 61820 or the Hospice Unit of Carle Hospital, Urbana.

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**Police News**

Miles was released on a notice to appear.

**Police are investigating** two burglaries reported at approximately 2 a.m. Tuesday.

Warf's Marathon, 202 S. Second Ave., and Zarate's Market, 223 W. Main, were both broken into.

Police said a video game and file cabinet were broken into at Warf's and an undisclosed amount of cash taken.

the ambulance department will hold elections at a meeting at 6 p.m. April 3.

the finance committee will meet at 6 p.m. Monday to review budgets, followed by a meeting at 7 p.m. April 9, with the full council to review budgets before the April 15 council meeting.

approved installing a street light at Third Avenue and

**In the hospital**



**Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital**  
**March 31, 1997**

**Admitted:** Faye Williamson, Rossville; Pauline Miles, Hoopeston.

**Discharged:** Roxia Geddes, Hoopeston.

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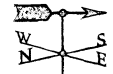
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